Collection Description

Biographical Note
George Foster Pierce, Methodist bishop and president of Emory College, was born February 3, 1811, in Greene County, Georgia, and died September 4, 1884, in Sparta, Georgia. Pierce was a son of Lovick Pierce (1785-1879), a Methodist clergyman and physician. He was admitted to the Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1831); became president of Emory College (1848); and was elected bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (1854). As bishop, Pierce spent the first half of each year on his plantation, Sunshine, near Sparta, Georgia, and the latter half on Episcopal visitations.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the papers of George Foster Pierce from 1872-1875. The papers include a diary (1872) compiled by Dr. Lovick Pierce and a pocket record book (1873-1875) kept by his son, Bishop George F. Pierce. Also included is an oversized engraving of George Pierce and his father, Lovick Pierce, by J.W. Burke and Company (OP1), which is not microfilmed.